115TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R.4111

AN ACT

To amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to improve the number of small business investment companies in underlicensed States, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- ${\it 2\ tives\ of\ the\ United\ States\ of\ America\ in\ Congress\ assembled},$

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.** 2 This Act may be cited as the "Spurring Business in 3 Communities Act of 2017". SEC. 2. IMPROVING THE NUMBER OF SMALL BUSINESS IN-4 5 VESTMENT COMPANIES IN UNDERLICENSED 6 STATES. 7 The Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 661 et seq.) is amended— 9 (1) in section 103 (15 U.S.C. 662)— 10 (A) in paragraph (18)(E), by striking "and" at the end; 11 12 (B) in paragraph (19), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and 13 14 (C) by adding at the end the following: 15 "(20) the term 'underlicensed State' means a 16 State in which the number of licensees per capita is 17 less than the median number of licensees per capita 18 for all States, as calculated by the Administrator."; 19 (2) in section 301(c) (15 U.S.C. 681(c))— 20 (A) in paragraph (3)— 21 (i) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking "and" at the end; 22 23 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking 24 the period at the end and inserting ";

and"; and

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1	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-				
2	lowing:				
3	"(D) shall give first priority to an appli-				
4	cant that is located in an underlicensed State				
5	with below median financing, as determined by				
6	the Administrator."; and				
7	(B) in paragraph (4)(B)—				
8	(i) by striking clause (i);				
9	(ii) by redesignating clauses (ii) and				
10	(iii) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;				
11	and				
12	(iii) by amending clause (i), as so re-				
13	designated, to read as follows:				
14	"(i) is located in a State that—				
15	"(I) is not served by a licensee;				
16	or				
17	"(II) is an underlicensed State;				
18	and"; and				
19	(3) in section 308(g) (15 U.S.C. 687(g))—				
20	(A) in paragraph (2)—				
21	(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting				
22	"and licensing" after "financing";				
23	(ii) by redesignating subparagraphs				
24	(C) through (J) as subparagraphs (E)				
25	through (L), respectively; and				

1	(iii) by inserting after subparagraph					
2	(B) the following:					
3	"(C) Steps taken by the Administration to im-					
4	prove the number of licensees in underlicensed					
5	States.					
6	"(D) The Administration's plans to support					
7	States that seek to increase the number of licensees					
8	in the State."; and					
9	(B) in paragraph (3)—					
10	(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking					
11	"and" at the end;					
12	(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking					
13	the period at the end and inserting ";					
14	and"; and					
15	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-					
16	lowing:					
17	"(E) the geographic dispersion of licensees in					
18	each State compared to the population of the State					
19	identifying underlicensed States.".					
	Passed the House of Representatives May 8, 2018.					
	Attest:					

Clerk.

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